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REF (A) STATE 212401, (B) CAIRO 14725 (NOTAL),

1. SOUGHT THIS MORNING GET IN TOUCH WITH FAHMY AT THIS
HOME OR OFFICE, BUT HE WAS STILL ENGAGED IN ARAB LEAGUE
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FONMINS MEETINGS.

2. ID SUCCEED IN CONTACTING MINSTATE MOHAMED RIAD TO
CONVEY TO HIM THE FACT THAT EIGHT OF THE SIXTEEN EXTRA
REGIONAL OAS OBSERVER STATES AND LARGE MARITIME PANAMA CANAL
USERS HAVE INDICATED WILLINGNESS TO JOIN IN A STATEMENT
APPROVING PANAMA CANAL ARRANGEMENTS. SEVERAL OTHERS HAD INDI-

CATED THEY WILLING TO DO SO ON THEIR OWN. IN CIRCUMSTANCES, I WONDERED IF RIAD COULD TELL ME WHETHER FAHMY HAS HAD ANY FURTHER THOUGHTS ON THE SUBJECT. RIAD INDICATED HE HAD CONVEYED OUR ORIGINAL REQUEST TO FAHMY AND UNDERSTOOD FAHMY HAD INSTRUCTED USAMA AL BAZ TO INFORM US THAT (A) GHORBAL AUTHORIZED ATTEND SIGNING CEREMONY IF INVITED, BUT (B) GOE QUESTIONS THE "PROPRIETY" OF ANY FORMAL ACTION ON PART OF EGYPT TO JOIN IN SUCH A DECLARATION. HE ASSUMED AL BAZ HAD DONE SO. I TOLD HIM AL BAZ HAD LAST NIGHT MENTIONED TO ME FAHMY'S INITIAL NEGATIVE REACTION (REF B), BUT HAD GIVEN ME TO BELIEVE THAT FAHMY HAD PERHAPS NOT BEEN ABLE TO FOCUS ON THE MATTER IN ANY DETAIL BECAUSE OF THE ON-GOING AL FONMIN MEETINGS. I HOPED THAT FAHMY WOULD BE WILLING TO RECONSIDER HIS PRELIMINARY REACTION. RIAD SAID HE HAD NOTHING MORE TO DO WITH THE MATTER AND SUGGESTED THAT IF I COULD NOT GET FAHMY DIRECTLY, I CALL AL BAZ.

3. I DID SO FEW MINUTES LATER AND AL BAZ REPEATED FAHMY'S REACTION AS HE HAD EARLIER GIVEN IT TO ME. I THEN POINTED OUT TO HIM THE NUMBER OF OAS OBSERVER STATES AND LARGE MARITIME USERS WHO HAVE EXPRESSED WILLINGNESS TO JOIN IN SUCH A DECLARATION AND THE FACT THAT AS OF YESTERDAY MORNING WE HAVE HAD NO NEGATIVE RESPONSE. I THOUGHT GOE WOULD FIND ITSELF IN GOOD COMPANY IF IT AGREED TO JOIN IN SUCH A DECLARATION. I STILL WANTED TO TALK TO FAHMY PERSONALLY ABOUT THE MATTER. AL BAZ INDICATED THAT FAHMY WILL BE BUSY WITH AL FONMINS MEET-
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INGS AND DEPARTURES ALL DAY AND EXPRESSED SOME DOUBT THAT FAHMY WOULD BE ABLE TO SEE ME TODAY. HE UNDERTOOK TO CONVEY MY COMMENTS TO FAHMY. IN AN EFFORT GET FAHMY TO FOCUS ON SPECIFICS, I SENT AL BAZ TEXT OF "DECLARATION OF WASHINGTON" AS AMENDED BY STATE 212182.

4. WILL CONTINUE EFFORTS CONTACT FAHMY, BUT AT THE MOMENT CHANCES ARE SLIM THAT GOE WILL WISH TO JOIN IN DECLARATION. THERE MAY STILL BE AN OUTSIDE CHANCE OF PERSUADING IT TO MAKE A STATEMENT OF ITS OWN SUPPORTING THE TREATIES, BUT IN LIGHT OF PARA 3 REF A, I DID NOT AGAIN MENTION THIS MATTER.

5. HAVE ALSO BEEN IN TOUCH WITH PANAMANIAN AMB SANCHEZ-GALAN ABOUT THE MATTER. HE SAYS HIS GOVT HAS INSTRUCTED HIM TO SUGGEST TO GOE THAT PRES SADAT MIGHT WISH TO SEND A CONGRATULATORY TELEGRAM TO PRES CARTER ON THE OCCASION OF THE SIGNING. HE MADE THIS SUGGESTION TO MFA UNDERSEC YESTERDAY, BUT HAS THUS FAR HAD NO REPLY. WE AGREED TO KEEP IN TOUCH.
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